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News Release

FEMA Extends Registration Deadline

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Ohio have announced that FEMA is extending the registration period for survivors of the Memorial Day weekend storms to give you extra time to apply for disaster grants. The new registration **deadline is September 3**.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) also is extending its registration deadline to **September 3** to give you an opportunity to apply for low-interest disaster loans to repair your home or business if you have been referred by FEMA.

Ohio residents of the eleven disaster-designated counties – Montgomery, Greene, Mercer, Miami, Perry, Muskingum, Pickaway, Mahoning, Auglaize, Hocking and Darke – may be eligible for federal assistance if they suffered damage during the disaster.

Registration for FEMA is easy:

- Go online to www.disasterassistance.gov/.
- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362**. Phone lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., local time, seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are available.
- Use the FEMA disaster app on your smartphone. Download it from www.fema.gov/mobile-app.

For information about SBA loans:

- Call SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. The deaf or hard of hearing may call 800-877-8339.
- Go online to www.sba.gov/disaster.
- Email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

For information on the Memorial Day weekend disaster and on disaster preparedness, visit <https://ema.ohio.gov>.

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during and after disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 or TTY at 800-462-7585. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585. All Disaster Recovery Centers are physically accessible and equipped to accommodate disaster survivors who need communication access. If you require an accommodation (ASL interpreter, Braille, Large print, etc.) while visiting a Disaster Recovery Center, just ask a FEMA representative.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955 (Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339), emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at sba.gov/disaster.